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THE CENTENNIAL.

Yesterday's Congressional proceedings possess special interest for every Philadelphian. The bill providing for the centennial celebration of the birth of the nation, in 1876, in this city, by a grand international exhibition of arts, manufactures, and products of the soil, was reported to the House of Representatives, where its passage was eloquently advocated by Mr. Morrill, the author of the bill. It will probably come up for consideration again to-day, when Judge Kelley and Judge Bingham are expected to deliver speeches in its support, and the well-known talent of these gentlemen will insure two splendid vindications of the just claims of Philadelphia to the proposed honor.

There has never yet been a truly national industrial exhibition in this country, and there never will be until the broader project of an international exhibition is interwoven with it. When England, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Mexico, Cuba, China, Japan, and South America send hither countless products of their industrial skill, New York, Boston, Baltimore, New Orleans, and Chicago may also find Philadelphia a not unworthy point for the exhibition of their fabrics. But to concentrate an effective industrial American display, we must secure the co-operation and representation of the whole civilized world.

To make an industrial exhibition international, it is imperatively necessary that it should be formally and cordially endorsed by Congress. The exhibitors of other nations will be wary of all projects of mere local significance. They will send but few objects to any exposition which is sustained by a single city or by only a few States, while to a comprehensive American undertaking they will gladly send a profusion of their choicest products. Such an exhibition would give a greater impetus to every branch of American industry than anything which Congress could devise. It would teach millions of our countrymen their strength and their weak points, excite ambition, encourage a spirit of emulation, increase the incentives to industry, and as a grand and comprehensive school of practical instruction repay a thousand-fold all the time and money that can be expended upon it.

This nation is so constituted politically and geographically that it requires, for the complete realization of the grand project we are discussing, the admixture of a powerful patriotic motive, which the centennial anniversary admirably supplies. Independence Hall will become the Mecca of millions of visitors from our own and foreign lands at a time when Fairmount Park is teeming with the choicest products of every quarter of the globe, and the combination of attractions will secure even a more varied, comprehensive, brilliant, and useful industrial and artistic display than that afforded by either the London or the Paris Exhibitions.

EXIT OF SECRETARY BOUTWELL.

A WASHINGTON rumor, which appears to be more authentic than the generality of reports from that quarter, states that Secretary Boutwell is about to retire from the Treasury Department. It is said that the main causes are his strong devotion to the policy of paying off the public debt rapidly and his opposition to an expansion of the currency and the acquisition of San Domingo. He has come into collision with the President on these points, and Grant seems to be gradually developing a will of his own, in political matters, as stubborn as that displayed by General Jackson. The hero of New Orleans disposed of his Cabinet officers as freely as if they were mere house-servants, and the hero of Appomattox appears equally ready to make changes in the personnel of his administration. It is certainly high time that something should be done to increase the popularity of the administration, and if Grant has devised good methods for promoting this end, he may well be pardoned for making all the official changes necessary to attain it. It remains to be seen whether he is on the right track or not. His proposed platform, apparently, is more greenbacks, fewer taxes, and great chances for making fortunes down in San Domingo; and these plans are likely to be popular in a good many American markets.

The AMNESTY BILL was under consideration in the House of Representatives yesterday, but it contains so many classes of Rebels as proscribed lists that several amendments were offered, and the bill went over. It is

scarcely worth while to do any more tinkering at the Amnesty bill. If we are ready to forgive the Rebels by a sweeping Congressional enactment, it should be done outright, and if we are not ready to forgive them, the present system of dealing out mercy in detail to everybody that asks for it may as well be continued.

PFALSBURG.

Another French Fortress Fallen—Its Situation and History. One by one the fortified towns situated in the ancient provinces of Alsace and Lorraine are falling into the hands of the Germans. On the morning of November 25, Thionville shared the fate of its neighbor Metz, and on Tuesday, December 13, the Prussians marched into Pfulsburg, after that stronghold had surrendered unconditionally. By the capture of this place the Germans are placed in complete possession of Alsace and Lorraine with the exception of the small fortress of Bitch on the border near Rhenish Bavaria, and Beifort at the southern extremity of the Vosges. The siege of the latter town is being vigorously pressed, and its fall may be looked for any day. Bitch will then be the only unaptured place claimed by Germany as a rectification of the frontier, but even if it should hold out for months to come, its possession is practically of no importance to either of the belligerents, and its ultimate surrender is only a question of time.

Pfulsburg is situated in the great central pass of the Vosges, five miles northwest of Saverne and twenty-five miles northwest of Strasburg. After the rout of MacMahon's army at Woerth, he rallied his demoralized forces for a few hours in this mountain pass, but it was impossible for him to make a determined stand here, and the victorious army of the Crown Prince was soon in complete possession of the locality, with the exception of Pfulsburg. This town being situated about three miles to the north of the railroad from Strasburg to Paris, its possession was not of immediate consequence. Formal siege, however, was soon laid to it, and it was closely invested until the day of surrender. Its fall has been frequently reported, but the garrison made a heroic resistance and held their ground bravely until further resistance was useless. In one of the assaults made upon the place in August by the Wurtembergers, the attacking party was reported to have sustained a loss of 1500 men.

Pfulsburg ranks as a third-class fortification in the great system of defensive works established by Vauban, by whom it was built and fortified. In the tremendous struggles between the French and the Allies in 1814 and 1815, it was besieged by the latter, but successfully resisted the most determined efforts of the enemy at its capture. Napoleon I styled it the "nursery of heroes," as the birthplace of a number of his bravest and most accomplished officers, included among whom were Marshals Gerard and Lobau.

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